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## A Tribute to Anthony W. Jong

*Tony knew that to do the right thing is a matter of being.*

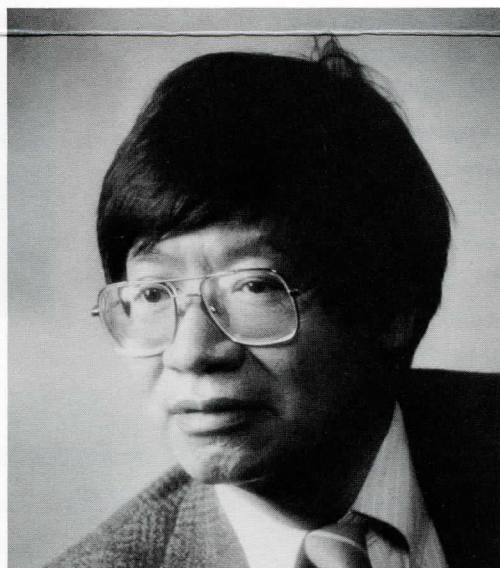
Rev. Dr. Robert W. Thornburg  
Dean of Marsh Chapel

When Tony Jong died on July 22 after a long struggle with cancer, the dental profession and the Goldman School lost a visionary leader and a valued friend. He possessed the keenest abilities of a teacher, mentor, diplomat, and problem solver—abilities that in the aggregate made Tony Jong wholly unique and irreplaceable.

Although we deeply feel Dr. Jong's passing, we are fortunate to be beneficiaries of his legacy. His life, after all, was always about living.

An articulate voice for the underserved, he grappled with questions of ethics, of responsibility, and of humanity. In both his personal and professional relationships, Dr. Jong strived for fairness and for true connection. Ellen Wolfe, his long-time assistant at the School remembers, "He was an active listener and took others' opinions into account when he made his own decisions. He never failed to ask the personal questions that made us all feel cared for, included."

Anthony Westwater Jong, DDS, MPH, DSc, associate dean of the



Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry and chairman of the School's Department of Dental Care Management, came to the School in 1973 to chair the community dentistry department.

"Tony helped shape the vision of what the school of dentistry is and should be. With his creativity and energy, Tony

defined our basic mission of education," said Spencer N. Frankl, dean of the School. "He was tireless in improving the quality of the life of those around him. More than an educator, Tony Jong was a role model, friend, and mentor to many students; a leader to faculty and staff."

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*He led by example. He was always supportive and provided guidance. But most often he showed his confidence in our ability by encouraging us to do things on our own.*

Dr. Paula K. Friedman  
Associate Dean for Administration



In addition to completely revising the core curriculum for the School's postdoctoral programs, Dr. Jong revamped the Master of Science in Dentistry program to improve curriculum and research activities. Through his efforts, the School was able to secure many research and training grants that centered on improving the quality of education as well as the quality of community service. Most recently, the School received a substantial grant from the Hispanic Centers for Excellence. Dr. Jong was chief architect of the project which is designed to improve access to dental education.

In the field of public health dentistry, Dr. Jong was a national treasure. A diplomate of the American Board of Public Health, Dr. Jong consulted with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the National Institutes of Health and Boston's Headstart health program. He also held many offices with the American Association of Dental Schools and the American Public Health Association, and was active in the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Dr. Jong leaves his wife, Patricia Westwater-Jong, his daughter, Jessica, and his son, Alex.

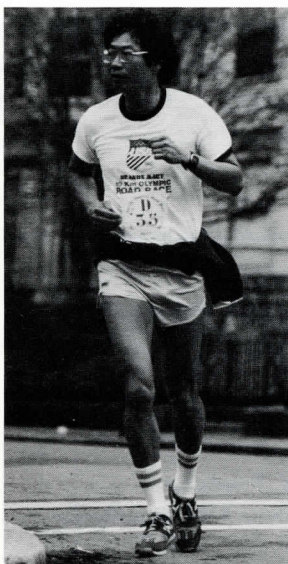
*Tony Jong was a man who, above all, valued people and all of his work reflected this.*

Dr. George Gluck, friend and colleague



***When Tony got sick, people from every area of the School opened their hearts to him, me, and our children in a way that was astounding and inspiring. Thank you for not avoiding his cancer, for talking with him about it, and for wishing him well. You at the Goldman School were Tony's professional family. He worked hard here; he loved you here; he loved this school. And when he needed you, when his immediate family needed you, you were here for him and us. Thank you. I hope that the School can retain this beautiful spirit. It makes life, however long or short, worthwhile.***

**Pat Westwater-Jong**  
*Excerpt from a letter to the  
Goldman School Community*



At the family's request, Dr. Jong may be remembered by donations to the School. Donations may be sent to the Office of External Affairs, Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, 100 East Newton Street, Suite 308, Boston, Massachusetts 02118. Dr. Jong's family will be informed of all remembrances.